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1. SUMMARY. DURING OUR AUGUST 9 VISIT TO HARRY
WU, WE FOUND HIM FIT AND IN GOOD CONDITION. HE WAS
NOT RECOGNIZABLE AS THE FIGURE IN THE "VIDEO,"
WHICH WE WERE ABLE TO DISCUSS BRIEFLY WITH WU. HE
HAD NO COMPLAINTS ABOUT HIS TREATMENT OR
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CONDITIONS, BUT WAS CONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBLE
COMPLICATIONS FROM HIS BACK AILMENT. CHINESE
OFFICIALS WERE NOT RESPONSIVE REGARDING DETAILS OF
WU'S CASE; HOWEVER, WU LEARNED HIS CASE HAS
PROGRESSED TO THE NEXT STAGE. WE DELIVERED
MEDICINE AND A LETTER FROM HIS WIFE, AND GAVE THE

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PSB READING MATERIAL FOR WU.
END SUMMARY.

2. EMBASSY'S ACS CHIEF VISITED HARRY WU AUGUST 9 AT THE WUHAN PUBLIC SECURITY BUREAU'S NUMBER ONE DETENTION CENTER (KANCHUSUO) ON JIEFANG AVENUE IN CENTRAL (HANKOW), WUHAN. THE THIRTY-MINUTE VISIT OCCURRED UNDER THE SAME PSB "GROUND RULES" AS THE CG'S JULY 10 VISIT, CONSISTENT WITH OTHER PRISONER VISITS IN CHINA.

WU'S CONDITION

3. WU WAS NEAR THE DOOR AS CONOFF ENTERED THE VISITOR'S ROOM AND WE WERE ABLE TO GREET AND OBSERVE WU FROM A DISTANCE OF NOT MORE THAN TWO FEET BEFORE HE WAS LED INTO THE REAR PART OF THE ROOM, SEPARATED BY A GLASS PARTITION. CONVERSATION HAS AGAIN CONDUCTED (AS DURING CG'S JULY 10 VISIT) USING TELEPHONE HANDSETS MONITORED BY ENGLISH SPEAKING GUARDS.

4. WU LOOKED FIT, WELL-RESTED, AND GENERALLY IN GOOD SHAPE. HE DID NOT RESEMBLE THE OVERLY-TIRED, ANXIOUS FIGURE THAT APPEARED IN THE VIDEO RELEASED

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TWO WEEKS AGO. WE DESCRIBED HAVING MET HIS WIFE, CHING LEE, IN WASHINGTON AND TOLD HIM HOW RELIEVED SHE WAS TO LEARN - FOLLOWING THE CG'S VISIT - THAT WU HAD NOT BEEN MISTREATED. WE TOLD WU WE WOULD ADVISE HIS FAMILY HOW MUCH BETTER HE LOOKS THAN IN THE VIDEO, AND EXPLAINED THAT THE VIDEO OF HIM BEING QUESTIONED BY PSB OFFICERS GAVE CNN VIEWERS THE IMPRESSION HE WAS NOT IN SUCH GOOD OVERALL HEALTH. WU SAID THE PSB "TREATS ME FINE;" THE AIR CONDITIONING WORKS, THE FOOD IS O.K., AND THE SHEETS CLEAN.

COMPLAINTS OF MEDICAL COMPLICATIONS

5. WU SAID THAT HIS "CRACKED" DISK IS CAUSING PRESSURE, AND PAIN, ON NERVES IN HIS BACK. HE SAID HE IS EXPERIENCING NUMBNESS IN HIS LEFT LEG AND THAT HE HAS DIFFICULTY WALKING. HE SAID HE CANNOT STAND, OR SIT UP, FOR LONG PERIODS WITHOUT PAIN AND HAS REQUESTED, BUT NOT YET RECEIVED, A WHEELCHAIR.

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HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR 'EXTRA' EFFORTS ON THE PART OF THE WUHAN PSB IN BRINGING IN A PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE FROM A LOCAL UNIVERSITY TO TREAT HIM, BUT SAID THAT THE PAIN CONTINUES AND THE LOCAL MEDICATION DOES NOT SEEM TO WORK. HE SAID HE HAD WRITTEN SIX REPORTS TO PSB OFFICIALS REGARDING HIS BACK CONDITION AND THE NEED FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE.

6. WE TOLD WU THAT WE HAD PASSED TO PSB OFFICIALS PRESCRIPTION DRUGS, INCLUDING ONE FOR HIS BACK

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PAIN, RECEIVED FROM HIS WIFE. WU SAID HE WAS CONCERNED THAT THE PRESSURE ON THE NERVE, AND NUMBNESS, COULD LEAD TO A MORE SERIOUS CONDITION. WE ASSURED HIM WE WOULD UNDERLINE THE SERIOUSNESS OF HIS MEDICAL PROBLEM WITH PSB OFFICIALS, AND DID SO AFTER OUR CONVERSATION WITH WU.

STATUS OF WU'S CASE

7. OUR WUHAN PSB INTERLOCUTORS, DETENTION CENTER DIRECTOR HU, AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR XU, WERE NOT RESPONSIVE TO OUR DETAILED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE STATUS OF WU'S CASE. WE ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION OF THE CHARGES, A COPY OF THE FORMAL ARREST NOTICE, CLARIFICATION CONCERNING THE TIMING AND SELECTION OF AN ATTORNEY, AND FOR MORE FREQUENT AND PRIVATE VISITS.

8. WE EXPLAINED THAT, OTHER THAN COMMENTS BY THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SPOKESPERSON PUBLISHED IN CHINA DAILY WE HAD NOT RECEIVED DETAILED

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INFORMATION ABOUT THE CHARGES AGAINST WU.

9. WE WERE TOLD ONLY THAT OUR QUESTIONS WOULD BE
REFERRED TO THE COMPETENT AUTHORITY (YOUQUAN BUMEN)
AND WERE ASSURED THE QUESTIONS WOULD BE GIVEN

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"CONSIDERATION."

10. WU, HOWEVER, TOLD US THAT ON AUGUST 7 THE SENIOR PSB OFFICER IN CHARGE OF HIS INVESTIGATION, ALONG WITH TWO OFFICIALS OF THE PROCURATORATE (JIANCHAYUAN) TOLD HIM THE PSB'S WORK WAS "BASICALLY FINISHED" AND THAT HIS CASE WOULD SOON BE REFERRED FROM THE "FIRST STAGE" (PSB INVESTIGATION) TO THE "SECOND STAGE" OF PRE-TRIAL INVESTIGATION (INVESTIGATION BY THE PROCURATORATE).

11. WU BELIEVES THAT HIS ATTITUDE HAS BEEN "COOPERATIVE" FROM THE PSB'S POINT OF VIEW. HE SAID HE IS TAKING A REALISTIC APPROACH, AND "RECOGNIZES HE HAS VIOLATED SOME CHINESE LAWS OR REGULATIONS." WU SAID HE HAD BEEN TOLD NOTHING MORE ABOUT THE CHARGES AGAINST HIM THAN WHAT HE HAD READ IN THE CHINA DAILY REPORT. HE SAID HE WILL INSIST ON A FAIR, PUBLIC TRIAL. HE ASKED THAT WE INFORM HIS WIFE TO COLLECT MATERIALS FOR HIS DEFENSE, WHICH WE WILL DO.

12. WU SAID, SEVERAL TIMES, THAT HE DOESN'T WANT HIS CASE TO BE A POLITICAL OR DIPLOMATIC PROBLEM. WE TOLD HIM OF THE EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN MADE AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF THE US GOVERNMENT AND OF THE MANY PEOPLE WHO, IN HIS WIFE'S WORDS, "HELD HIM IN THEIR HEARTS."

DELIVERIES AND REQUESTS

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13. IN ADDITION TO THE MEDICATIONS, WE GAVE THE PSB ENGLISH AND CHINESE NEWSPAPERS, NOVELS, BOOKS ON CHINESE CRIMINAL LAW AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE, AND COMPILATIONS OF AMERICAN AND ENGLISH SHORT STORIES. WE READ ALOUD HIS WIFE'S LETTER (DATED AUGUST 2) AND PASSED THE ORIGINAL TO THE PSB. WU TOLD US HE WOULD LIKE US TO CONTINUE SENDING READING MATERIAL, INCLUDING AMERICAN MAGAZINES. HE MENTIONED HE RECEIVED THE BOOKS LEFT BY THE CG A FEW DAYS AFTER THAT VISIT, AND SAID HE RECEIVED SOME COMPUTER MAGAZINES THAT WERE MAILED DIRECTLY TO HIM. HE HAD NOT BEEN GIVEN THE LAWYER'S LIST LEFT BY THE CG (NOTE: PSB OFFICIALS HAVE COMMONLY WITHHELD THE LIST FROM AMCIT DETAINEES UNTIL CLOSER TO TRIAL).

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WE LEFT A POWER OF ATTORNEY PREPARED BY HIS WIFE'S
LAWYERS FOR SIGNATURE. HE ASKED US TO PASS SEVERAL
MESSAGES TO HIS WIFE, WHICH WE WILL DO BY PHONE.

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